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## The Ratification of the Arbitration Treaties.

This issue of the ADVOCATE OF PEACE is given up to the consideration of the Arbitration Treaties now before the Senate, and other matters must go over to the January number. As the question of the treaties will be the most important subject before the Senate this winter, we have thought it wise to bring together some of the best interpretations and defenses of them that have appeared. The articles that we are publishing certainly show that the case for the treaties as sent to the Senate by the President is a very strong one. All the criticisms and objections which have been made seem to us to have been completely answered and shown to be untenable.

May we call particular attention to the recent letter of ex-Senator George F. Edmunds and that of Marcus M. Knowlton, former Chief Justice of Massachusetts, both men of the highest legal standing and

experience. These with the articles by John Bassett Moore of Columbia University, our foremost authority on international law, by Governor Baldwin of Connecticut, former Chief Justice of that State, the strong and lucid statements of the President and the other expressions of opinion from prominent men that we have gathered together, completely establish the constitutionality of the treaties and show the great importance of their early ratification with no serious modification.

That the treaties will receive the approval of the Senate in due time we have now no doubt. A number of doubtful Senators, after more thorough study of the conventions during the vacation, have already declared their intention heartily to support them. Meantime the press and the people have been heard from, and it is clear that practically the whole country is strongly supporting the President. It is rare to find such unanimity of sentiment on any public question. The Senators in the different States have been hearing from their constituents in such numbers as to assure them that in ratifying the treaties they will be meeting the deepest wishes of the nation.

All those who are interested in the success of the treaties and have not yet done anything, may help to promote their ratification by writing personal letters to the Senators from their own State. The Senators are always glad to know the sentiments of their constituents, and will treat all such communications with respect. We urge our friends everywhere, if they have not already done so, to send letters at once urging the importance of the approval of the treaties by the Senate. Make the communications brief and to the point, using your own language, even if it may not seem to you altogether proper in form. Besides this, secure the adoption of resolutions by any church, club, society or association to which you belong and have these sent to your Senator at Washington signed by the president and secretary of the organization. All this ought to be done without delay. Appeal has been made to the people for the support of the treaties, and as the people respond so will be the result. The few who are opposed to the treaties have already got in their work; let the many, who desire to see a long further step taken in the civilization of the world by the ratification of these great measures of justice and peace, not neglect their duty.

As we are issuing a very large edition of this month's ADVOCATE OF PEACE, and sending copies to many persons who do not regularly get the paper, it is probable that many will receive more than one copy. Will those who receive duplicates kindly hand the extra paper to some friend.